Assistance to Institutions Engaged in Exploring the Ancient Indian Texts

6660. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 183 on December 4, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government had assured to assist any institution or individual who is willing to plan and work to utilise/explore our ancient Indian texts for the development of technology in modern context;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such institutions and individuals who are so receiving Government assistance and also those whose names are under consideration together with the specific project of each one and the quantum of assistance provided/being provided; and

(c) the guidelines laid down in this regard?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The projects/studies recently sponsored by the Government are:

Project:

1. Coordinated Programmes related to Technology Development in the Indian Languages, particularly role of Indian Sanskrit Tradition in Evolving Artificial Intelligence Systems. (Department of Electronics)

2. Foundations and methodologies of theoretical sciences (logic, linguistics, mathematics, cognitive science) in Indian tradition. (National Institute for Science, Technology and Development Studies). (NISTADS). (Rs. 57 lakhs).

Studies:

1. 'History of Science & Technology in Ancient India I. The Beginnings' by Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya .. NISTADS, 1986. (Rs. 7 lakhs).

2. 'History of Science & Technology in Ancient India II.. Formation of Theoretical Fundamentals of Natural Sciences, .. NISTADS, 1991. (Rs. 1 lakh)

(c) There are existing guidelines and mechanisms to promote reserach in various areas including development of modern technology utilising the Ancient Indian Texts.

Allotment of Plots to Farmers

6661. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 4348 on December 18,1991 and state:

(a) whether the Government have completed the investigations into the cases of irregularities in allotment of plots;

(b) if so, the findings of these investigations; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to expedite the investigations and the time by which that are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The 7 cases of irregularities men-